

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed March 10, 2004, has been carefully considered. The present Response is intended to be a complete response thereto and to place the case in condition for allowance. The present Response re-submits the claim amendment section of the Amendment filed February 20, 2004, with proper status identifiers. The status identifiers “previously amended” and “presently amended have been amended to read “previously presented” and “currently amended,” respectively.

Claims 1, 3, 5-6, 8-22, and 32-39 are pending. Claims 2, 4, 7, and 23-31 have been cancelled without prejudice to the subject matter therein. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. Claims 36-39 have been added.

Applicant has responded to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 22, 2003. All pending claims are now believed to be allowable and favorable action is respectfully requested.

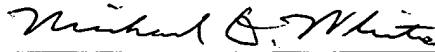
In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage of fees or credit any overpayment thereof to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (000023-00106). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

Any fees due are authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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